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ENFORCEMENT ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR DIGITAL

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**Assistant Commissioner** for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Title:

Please delete the title and insert therefor:

-- METHOD FOR OBTAINING A BLACK BOX FOR PERFORMING DECRYPTION AND

ENCRYPTION FUNCTIONS IN A DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT (DRM) SYSTEM ---